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WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas: Cooler tonight; Wednesday fair.

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## REVIEW OF THE BATTLE

### BRITISH-YANKS SMASH AHEAD IN NEW OFFENSIVE

Major Operations Renewed on Center of the Line.

From St. Quentin to Cambrai, the Huns Are Attacked.

ON 25-MILE FRONT THEY FIGHT

French Make Progress North and East of Rheims.

At Southern End, French and Yanks Are Gaining.

(By the Associated Press.)

Renewing major operations on the center of the line from the Meuse to the North sea, British and American troops today are smashing into the rear defenses of the Hindenburg line between St. Quentin and Cambrai.

Field Marshal Haig is attacking on the twenty mile front north of St. Quentin. The French are continuing their progress northward toward the German communication line despite strong enemy resistance. The French have reached the junction of the Sulpice and Aisne rivers and have forced their way into two large towns on the middle Sulpice. The Anglo-American thrust against the vital sector between Cambrai and St. Quentin follows successful local operations Monday in the regions of Beaurevoir and Montbrehain in which 130 German prisoners were taken. On the front of attack the British and Americans are pushing eastward from the hills west of the canal between the two towns toward the railway junction of Bohain and the railway lines running north and south which are so important to the German supply system in this region.

Successful continuation of the French advances north and northeast of Rheims is maintaining the security of the Laon massif. After capturing Berry-Au-Bac, the French are fighting their way into Conde-Sur-Sulpice at the junction of the Sulpice and Aisne rivers. Progress northward from these towns would outflank both the Champagne and Laon positions now occupied by the German army. The untenable lines of both the Aisne and the Retourne. In the center by entering Isles-Sur-Sulpice and capturing Bazancourt, the French would have broken the German hold on the Sulpice and made necessary a retirement to the Retourne or Aisne, further north.

On the north, the British and French pressure is maintained and under threat of further major attacks the Germans continue to withdraw from the Belgian coastal region. It is reported the enemy is removing all telephone lines and burning his stores at Knokke, five miles from the front, east of Zebrugge. Many factories have been undermined, so they might be quickly destroyed.

From the Somme, the Meuse, on the southern end of the line, the French and Americans continue to press the enemy hard. Large numbers of reported behind the German lines on the American sector east of the Argonne and the important town of Brienne, on the western bank of the Meuse, is being captured.

Escape to Holland.

Amsterdam, Oct. 8.—Part of the occupying troops would have to choose between capture and flight when the evacuation of the Netherlands correspondents points out that instructions have been given them to escape to Holland in civilian clothes and to avoid any form of identification and subsequently returning to Germany.

Serbia Being Nish.

Rome, Oct. 8.—Serbian troops are being ordered to reports received here today.

Nish, to which the capital of Serbia was moved, is being shelled by the fifty miles north of Vranje, which was captured after the Austro-German forces had been driven from Nish. It is 125 miles south of Belgrade.

French at Beirut.

Paris, Oct. 8.—Announcement of the landing of French naval forces at Beirut is enthusiastically received by the public which is gratified that the French fleet has a share in the magnificent achievements of General Allenby. The Matin says:

"With the fall of Beirut the principal Austro-Turkish base in Syria collapses. The Franco-British troops have only to march a few days to reach the Baghdad railroad and break through Germany's dreams of eastern greatness."

The landing seems to be an operation distinct from the land movement which brought about the fall of Damascus. The British report indicates this bold stroke of the French naval forces will have a great effect on Constantinople, where it will throw confusion into the German ranks which is seeking to belittle the advance of General Allenby's men.

"In addition it will have a great moral and political effect. Syria has for many years been a sphere of French influence. The territory through which the Franco-British troops are advancing is the first realization of the agreement."

Yanks Continue Advance.

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 8.—The American (Continued on Page Two.)

## ON BATTLE FRONTS

The Situation as It Looks Today in the War Zone.

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## MAY CLOSE ALL CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS HERE

Theaters, Also, Would Come Under Influenza Ban.

Epidemic Reaches an Alarming Stage in State.

ONE DEATH IN TOPEKA TODAY

Eight Cases in the Shawnee County Jail Here.

All Who Spilt on City Streets Will Be Fined.

(By the Associated Press.)

With the rapid spread of the Spanish influenza, plague over Kansas and the report of another death and additional cases in Topeka this afternoon, announcement was made from the state board of health that all public meetings in this city may be forbidden unless it is shown that the disease is under absolute control. All schools, theaters and places where persons assemble will be shut up, it was said. Similar action has been taken in a number of other towns in the state after the disease has gotten under headway, and the authorities are anxious to take precautionary measures here in time to prevent an epidemic if possible.

Today was the last day for volunteer subscriptions for the Liberty Loan. The strong arm committees are to go forth into the highways and byways seeking those persons who through laziness or lack of burning patriotism have found it "inconvenient" to make their subscription. The Liberty Loan will be shown the ones who have bought the bonds in sparing amounts when they should have taken over the larger denominations on the issue.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon the choruses of "Hello, America," "Going Up," and the show at the Majestic and the Novelty were to sing the Liberty Loan over the top today. They are to be mounted on trucks, to parade the avenue, and sing at all the principal corners.

Senator Thompson's Speech.

The first day of active canvass for the fourth Liberty Loan is to end up in a big mass meeting at the city auditorium at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. The canvassers are to start out fully equipped with the government information blanks and with subscription blank books.

Serious Over State.

The Spanish influenza has become a serious epidemic in Kansas. Sunday and Monday 1176 cases were reported by the physicians of the state and reported to the state board of health today. During all of the week ended October 5, there were only 1339 cases reported in Kansas.

This does not include any of the cases of the disease within the military camps in the state. There were 75 cases reported among the boys in training at the military camp for the local college and there are many cases at Camp Funston and a few in some of the other camps. The camps and all of the state institutions for the local schools have been closed to visitors.

Ellis county has the worst outbreak of the disease. It has been reported that that county alone today. These are the cases where the physicians were called in Sunday and Monday. There were more than 200 cases in Ellis county. Shawnee county reported 148 cases today.

Close Up Lawrence.

Dr. S. J. Crumrine, secretary of the state board of health, announced this afternoon that the city of Lawrence has been forbidden in Lawrence and that the schools and shows and other places where persons congregate have been shut up.

Monday night Doctor Crumrine wired the local health officer at Hays to close all public places there and to keep the order to remain on the books. He also wired to the health officer at Fort Sam Houston. No official statement as to the number of cases of influenza or pneumonia at Camp Travis was given until Monday when it was announced that 141 influenza patients had developed pneumonia.

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Are More Cases Reported.

San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 8.—Influenza is spreading in the army camps about San Antonio, according to reports received by Colonel Clayton, southern department surgeon. One hundred and forty-one cases of pneumonia have developed as the direct result of influenza at Camp Travis. There has been a high death rate for the disease at Fort Sam Houston. No official statement as to the number of cases of influenza or pneumonia at Camp Travis was given until Monday when it was announced that 141 influenza patients had developed pneumonia.

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Another Death in Topeka.

The epidemic has claimed another victim in Topeka. Miss Mary Lannon, age 15, died at 323 Jefferson street. Miss Lannon was attending school here in Topeka. Her father has lived here for many years. Miss Lannon was taken sick Saturday and the rapidly developing influenza finally turned into pneumonia. According to Dr. H. L. Clark, city health officer, Miss Lannon was in with a most severe and malignant type of the disease.

The city health officer closed Monday's schools and closed the city according to Doctor Clark more have been turned in today but as he had been too busy to check up the reports on his desk, he could not give the exact number reported today.

If influenza is spreading in Topeka, it is doing so in other cities and the epidemic here has been attended with a much lower death rate than has been experienced in other places. Topeka is taking the "flu" seriously—as it should be—and every precaution is being taken both to prevent its spreading and in the case promptly given those who are so unfortunate as to contract the disease.

Enforce Spitting Ordinance Here.

Just \$2 per spit can be collected by the city from every person who spits upon the sidewalks or the floors of any street car, church or public building. The ordinance was announced by Frank H. Hough, chief of police, today. Mr. Hite immediately after the shooting, is said to have attempted to drown himself in a bath tub. She was taken to police headquarters where she could not talk incoherently, repeatedly asking, "Where am I?"

TOO MANY ENROLLED.

Merchant Marine Recruits Number 11,000 for September.

Washington, Oct. 8.—The enrollment of recruits for the merchant marine is said to be over and one-half times the capacity of the shipping board's fleet of twelve training ships.

Nearly 11,000 men volunteered for service. The twelve ships of the board can only take 4,000 men a month. The training fleet is now free of Spanish influenza.

Germans Get Pardons.

London, Oct. 8.—The German government, according to the Exchange Telegraph company, intends to grant pardon to a number of politicians imprisoned since the war began, in the hope that they will be able to help the Socialist Dr. Karl Liebknecht and Wilhelm Dittmann. A general amnesty, the dispatch adds, probably will be granted to political offenders.

## THE WHEAT CROP

1918 Yield Is Estimated at 918,920,000 Bushels.

Department of Agriculture Tells of Condition of Crops.

CORN 2,717,775,000 BUSHELS

Corn Crop October 1 Showed 68.6 Per Cent of Normal.

Kansas Shows 20 Per Cent for This Report.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Oct. 8.—This year's wheat crop will be 918,920,000 bushels, the department of agriculture announced today in the preliminary estimate of production. Winter wheat production is 555,725,000 bushels and spring wheat production 363,195,000 bushels. A corn production of 2,717,775,000 bushels was forecast from the condition of the crop, October 1. The estimate of production of other crops follows:

Oats, 1,555,297,000 bushels.  
Barley, 520,000,000 bushels.  
Buckwheat, 12,473,000 bushels.  
White potatoes, 301,270,000 bushels.  
Sweet potatoes, 35,473,000 bushels.  
Flax, 15,000,000 bushels.  
Cotton, 10,000,000 bushels.  
Tobacco, 1,207,362,000 pounds.  
Peas, 10,194,000 bushels.  
Apples, 108,380,000 bushels.  
Sugar beets, 6,488,000 tons.  
Beans, 72,050,000 bushels.  
Lentils, 12,000,000 bushels.

Condition of Crops.

Condition of the various crops on October 1 was as follows:

Corn, 68.6 per cent of normal; buckwheat, 77.4; flax, 68.2; cotton, 68.2; tobacco, 68.2; sugar beets, 68.2; lentils, 68.2.

Condition of production by principal states follows:

Ohio, 70 per cent; 135,423,000 bushels.  
Indiana, 70; 132,234,000 bushels.  
Illinois, 70; 140,448,000 bushels.  
Michigan, 70; 102,121,000 bushels.  
Missouri, 54; 142,221,000 bushels.  
Kansas, 20; 46,886,000 bushels.

At Camp Sherman, Deaths Total 470 Among Soldiers.

Camp Sherman, O., Oct. 8.—Total deaths from pneumonia and Spanish influenza here reached 470 today with 40 new deaths during the night. During the 24 hour period ending at 3 p. m., Monday, there were 84 deaths.

The names of Clarence Hoffman, Hope, Kan., and Charles C. Smith, Camp Sherman, Kan., appear in the list of victims.

Joplin Is Closed.

Joplin, Mo., Oct. 8.—Estimates of physicians placed the number of cases of influenza in Joplin at 300. The city commission at a meeting this morning voted to close all schools, theaters and public places. All public gatherings except those called by the city health officer were prohibited. Five deaths by influenza were reported here during the past week.

Two Deaths at Dix.

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 8.—George W. Proctor, 24, of Boston, Mass., and Alvin J. Briggs, 23, of Boston, cadets at Camp Dix, N. J., died of influenza here, are dead from influenza. These are the first deaths among soldiers here from this disease.

Enid, Okla., Oct. 8.—Nearly a thousand people of Enid are suffering from influenza and it is estimated that one-third of the cases now in the city. Fifty-five cases are under the care of the physicians at Camp Travis. These are the first deaths among soldiers here from this disease.

Influenza at St. Joe.

St. Joe, Oct. 8.—On account of the spreading of influenza here, the city schools have ordered the schools, churches and theaters closed until further notice. Private assembly of more than 25 persons also is prohibited.

"Flu" in Washington.

Washington, Oct. 8.—Spanish influenza has stricken approximately 300 civilian workers in the ordinance department here, the war department announced today. Twenty deaths among the employees in departmental activities are reported.

Close St. Louis.

St. Louis, Oct. 8.—The closing order of the St. Louis health commissioner, which prevents all meetings indoors and outdoors, closed the schools, theaters and churches, and the abandonment of the football schedule until the order is rescinded. While Washington university is outside the city limits and not affected, the military unit at Washington university is under quarantine, and the football game for next Saturday is cancelled.

Supreme Court Quits.

Washington, Oct. 8.—The supreme court, which reconvened after the summer session, adjourned today until Monday because of the influenza epidemic.

NO WHEAT SOLD CHEAP

Hoover Tells Farmers Not To Sell at Less Than Government's Price.

New York, Oct. 8.—A warning to wheat farmers not to sell their grain at less than the government's price is contained in a message received today from Herbert Hoover, federal administrator, by the food administration grain corporation here.

"Enlarge demand for grain," General Perine for material resulting from progress on the western front has necessitated temporary diversion of grain ships to the west coast.

Hoover said: "This temporarily curtails wheat movements from seaboard and has filled our seaboard and elevator and this checks the movement."

"It is reported that some farmers have become panicky and are selling wheat at less than the government price. There is no occasion for this. If holders will have a little patience, the wheat will all be moved and full price secured by every grower."

## RAINS WERE GENERAL

Topeka Got Heaviest Precipitation in State; Wednesday To Be Fair.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR KANSAS: Cooler tonight; Wednesday fair.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES.

7 o'clock ..... 63.11 o'clock ..... 70  
8 o'clock ..... 62.12 o'clock ..... 75  
9 o'clock ..... 61.13 o'clock ..... 75  
10 o'clock ..... 56.2 o'clock ..... 78

The wind at 2 o'clock was blowing 12 miles an hour from the northwest. The temperature for the day averages 10 degrees above normal.

Rains were general in northeast Kansas during Monday night. Topeka received the heaviest precipitation, according to S. D. Flora, state meteorologist, with a reading of .66 of an inch. Other rain records in the northeast were Kansas City, .20; St. Joe, .22; Concordia, .48. Neither of the stations at Dodge City or Wichita reported rain.

Confident Tone Imparted to Official Washington Today.

Believe Wilson Will Hand Hot One to the Hun.

REPORT TURK CABINET FALL